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Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X), CSXT- Abandonment Exemption – in Preston County, WV.

Dear Ms. Brown:

Friends of the Cheat, Inc. requests a 180 day extension, or until April 7, 2011, of NITU status on a CSX corridor referred to as from Rowlesburg to Camp Dawson, beginning at BAJ 0.0 to ending point BAJ 9.78 both in Preston County. This follows current extension of NITU dated May 6, 2010 and expiring November 3, 2010.

CSX Transportation, Inc. continues to express willingness to negotiate a sale of the above listed property and NITU status will facilitate this process. Friends of the Cheat (FOC) is in the process of seeking qualifications from appraisers for a reassessment of the property. Pending the completion of the appraisal, negotiations will commence to complete the sale. FOC has funding available.

CSXT has authorized FOC to file this request for extension and will file a letter of concurrence. Therefore, Friends of the Cheat respectfully request the NITU negotiation period be extended as set forth in the Extension Request.

I have included a separate letter asking that FOC/Preston County Rails to Trails be exempt from the filing fee. If there are any questions, please call me at 304-329-3621 or email at Amanda@cheat.org.

Sincerely,

Amanda Pitzer

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Executive Director
Friends of the Cheat

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RE: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X), CSXT-Abandonment Exemption
Preston County, West Virginia

Dear Ms. Brown,

We are writing this letter to request a waiver or reduction of the filing fee for trail use designation on the Cheat River Corridor listed as STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X). The Preston Rail-Trail Committee is operating under the Friends of the Cheat tax-exempt status. We have paid the fee many times in the past without the understanding that a waiver or reduction could be available for non-profit agencies. The Rail-Trail Committee funding is grant and volunteer based and does not include excess funds for additional fees.

Thank you for taking into consideration our request for waiver or reduction of the trail status fee for the Preston Rail-Trail Committee working under Friends of the Cheat. You may contact us with any question or concerns.

Sincerely,

Connie R. Ervin

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Preston Rail-Tail Committee-Chair